Hoover notes

Dear Jim, 10/2/79

This afternoon I became slightly unsteady so I decided to spend my time walking and reading rather than working at my desk. I read Section 1,2 and 4 of the FBIHQ assassination file, 62-109060. I'd read 3 earlier. (As I think I told you I've gone over all of the Commission file and now will read my way through the others from the list I have of what I've read.)

It is quite conspicuous that the very early records are not in the file in which they should be. Tomorrow I'll be copying the worksheets to make the point. and to ask Shea for a search of other files to locate them.

There is a covering letter for the first FBI report to the AG and it says that this report is attached, but it isn't. Nor is it in the other Sections I've just read.

I'll be making copies for you and appealing but I want you to know separately because this is one of the questions in the King case, where they alleged that I got them all in the HQ MURKIN files and I'm sure I didn't.

ThenHoover notes and memos will probably interest Dave because they are a fascinating insight. He was claiming that "we" have Oswald or captured him or both, much we stuff when there was no basis for it.

Lyndon Johnson used him to get the WxPost to kill an editorial calling for a Presidential Commission on about 11/25, which was about four days before Johnson did that. (Apparently someone in Justice put the Post up to it!)

Marvin Watson and Henry Wade were roommates when Wade was an FBI agent and Watson thought well of him. Hoover didn't know that Wade had been an SA.

I can't make the copies now because our machine needs repair. The service man was here last week for a service call he couldn't make because his supplies had not reached him. He is due any day now and there will be a backlog. This happened as soon as we tried to use the machine after his visit! All he did was apologize for being able to do nothing and after that this happened.

Rae's pneumonia seems to have run its course. I started a quiet campaign to get her to have a complete physical.

I'm okay. Nothing new in the unsteadiness. It came from more than usual bending at Hechingers as I went over stacks of 8-foot treater timber I got for a border for a flower bed when I could bring it back in Jerry McKnight's pickup. He got a stove (wood) and went to get a small chain saw. I decided to not bend over the typewriter and the desk to give it a chance to work off, as I'm sure it has, that is, the unsteadiness.

You will find, if you haven't, that I've been concentrating on the b1 claims by 2040. I've done a few more appeals and some represent some horrendous stuff. He is that terrible, probably why the FBI had him review so much of the JFK stuff. Of course this also involves the worksheets, which rubber-stamp the classifications. It has taken some time to check him out but I've enough smaples of his withholding under national security in one file what is disclosed in another where there is a duplicate of the record. The bastard didn't even check the noted original copies.

It's been quiet. I've not been able to do much outside because of the wetness but I'll be getting more wood down and near the house or at it and I've found that by placing one piece on another so I don't have to bend so much I can do some splitting, which is good for me - and needs doing. I've been using the time in making gadgets, like a seat on wheels for outside work that requires bending, so I can do it sitting. (I call it Perambulator.) Best,